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SUBJ: W/W: MISSING AMCITS IN CHILE -CHARLES E. HORMAN

REF: SANTIAGO 4812 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY CONTINUES ATTEMPT LOCATE HORMAN WITH ALL RESOURCES AT ITS DISPOSAL. CONSULAR OFFICERS HAVE MADE THREE VISITS TO AREA WHERE HORMANS LIVED. EMBASSY ALSO PROVIDED LOCAL EMPLOYEE/ INVESTIGATOR TO ACCOMPANY MRS. HORMAN ON TWO OCCASIONS. FOLLOWING IS SYNOPSIS OF INFO RECEIVED:

A GROUP OF FROM 10-TO-20 MEN DRESSED IN MILITARY UNIFORMS (REPORTED TO BE ARMY TROOPS BY SOME WITNESSES) ARRIVED IN THE AREA NEAR 4126 VICUNA MACKENNA BETWEEN 1600 AND 1700 HOURS ON 17SEPT 1973. WITNESSES STATE THAT THE GROUP ARRIVED IN A LARGE, LIGHT BLUE OR GREEN, PRIVATE TRUCK. WITNESSES COULD NOT RECALL THE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER. ONE WITNESS SAYS THAT THIS MILITARY GROUP WAS SEARCHING FOR A GAS COMPANY GARAGE REPORTED TO BE IN THAT AREA. DURING THE SEARCH, SOMEONE REPORTEDLY INFORMED THE MILITARY PERSONNEL THAT A BEARDED FOREIGNER LIVED AT 4126 VICUNA MACKENNA. ONE OF THE SEARCHERS RANG THE BELL BUT, HORMAN, WHO RENTED THE FORMER SERVANTS QUARTERS, APPARENTLY DID NOT HEAR IT. WHEN NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING, ONE OF THE MILITARY PERSONNEL SCALED THE FENCE SURROUNDING THE HOUSE AND APPARENTLY FOUND HORMAN WHO OPENED THE GATE. HORMAN, THE ONLY PERSON IN THE HOUSE AT THAT TIME, WAS ESCORTED FROM THE

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HOUSE TO THE TRUCK ABOUT 20 MINUTES AFTERWARDS. ONE WITNESS

SAID THAT HE WAS TAKEN AWAY IN HANDCUFFS BUT NO WITNESSES REPORT THAT HE WAS BEATEN. ONE WITNESS STATED THAT A BOX OF BOOKS WAS ALSO TAKEN FROM THE HOUSE ALONG WITH HORMAN.

DR. RENATO NUNEZ, THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE IN WHICH HORMAN LIVED, REPORTED THAT HE HAD TALKED TO A YOUNG MARRIED WOMAN WHO ENTERED A CAB NEAR 4126 VICUNA MACKENNA JUST AS THE TRUCK CARRYING HORMAN AND THE MILITARY PERSONNEL DEPARTED. NUNEZ SAID THAT THE CAB, BY CHANCE, FOLLOWED THE TRUCK FROM 4126 VICUNA MACKENNA TO CALLE NUBLE WHERE IT TURNED RIGHT AND PROCEEDED DIRECTLY TO THE ESTADIO NACIONAL. NUNEZ SAID THAT THE WITNESS SAW THE TRUCK ENTER THE ESTADIO NACIONAL AND FURTHERMORE THAT THE TRUCK DID NOT DISCHARGE PASSENGERS ON ITS TRIP TO THE STADIUM. MRS. HORMAN ALSO REPORTED TALKING WITH THIS YOUNG WOMAN, BUT NEITHER SHE NOR NUNEZ COULD PROVIDE HER NAME OR ADDRESS, FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

WITNESSES STATE THAT SEVERAL TRUCKS BEARING MEN DRESSED IN MILITARY UNIFORMS RETURNED TO 4126 VICUNA MACKENNA BETWEEN 2200 AND 2300 ON 17 SEPT AND CARRIED OFF SEVERAL LARGE CARTONS OF UNIDENTIFIED GOODS. DR. NUNEZ SAYS THAT NEIGHBORS TOLD HIM THAT A THIRD VISIT WAS MADE LATER THAT NIGHT OR EARLY IN THE MORNING OF 18 SEPT. DR. NUNEZ SAYS THAT ABOUT E 1,000,000 WORTH OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS DISAPPEARED DURING THESE RAIDS AND THAT THE HOUSE WAS LEFT IN A SHAMBLES.

WITNESSES REPORT THAT THE GROUP OF MEN WHICH TOOK HORMAN PRISONER WAS LED BY EITHER A LIEUTENANT OR A CAPTAIN. THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE MILITARY UNIT WHICH CARRIED OUT THIS OPERATION.

2. MRS. HORMAN CALLED CONSUL AT HOME EVENING 3 OCT TO REPORT THAT GENERAL CAMILO VALENZUELA HAD CALLED HER TO REPORT THAT HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN DETAINED AT NATIONAL STADIUM, RELEASED FROM THERE 28 SEPT, AND THE EMBASSY NOTIFIED 1 OCT. THE INFORMATION ON NOTIFICATION IS, OF COURSE, FALSE, AS IS -- ACCORDING TO MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT THE STADIUM -- THE INFO ON HIS DETENTION. EMBASSY HAS TRIED, WITHOUT SUCCESS, TO LOCATE GENERAL VALENZUELA, WHO IS NOW RETIRED, TO FIND THE SOURCE OF HIS INFO.

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3. AS RESULT OF INFORMAL REQUEST TO GENERAL HERRERA, AIR FORCE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ALL DETAINEES CONSUL WAS ABLE TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT AT NOON 4 OCT OVER LOUDSPEAKER SYSTEM OF NATIONAL STADIUM, REQUESTING INFO ABOUT HORMAN. ANNOUNCEMENT, MADE IN ENGLISH, WAS PRECEDED BY EXPLANATION OF IT, IN SPANISH, BY CHILEAN MILITARY OFFICER. THERE WAS NO REPLY FROM ANY OF APPROX. 2000 DETAINEES PRESENT AT TIME IN STANDS OF STADIUM, AND NEITHER HORMAN NOR ANY INFORMANT APPEARED WITHIN HALF HOUR

AFTERWARD.

4. EMBASSY RECEIVED A FONOFF NOTE EVENING 3 OCT SAYING HORMAN WAS DETAINED AT THE NATIONAL STADIUM ON 20 SEPT FOR VIOLATION OF CURFEW, AND WAS RELEASED FOLLOWING DAY "FOR LACK OF MERIT." NOTE ALSO SAID GOC WAS TRYING TO FIND HORMAN THRU ITS INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO CHECK ALL AVAILABLE SOURCES.

5. EMBASSY HAS ALSO CIRCULATED COPIES OF PHOTO, COMPLETE WITH OTHER IDENTIFYING DATA, OF HORMAN, TO APPROPRIATE GOC OFFICIALS. DAVIS

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